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First Day-Morning Session.

The Tishomingo Baptist Association met in its fifty-third annual session with Iuka Baptist Church, September 11, 1912, at 10 o'clock a.m. The former Moderator and Clerk were present. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Hon. W. Elder W. M. Henderson was appointed to conduct devotional exercises After reading and commenting on the 23d Psalm, joined in prayer led by Elder W. A. McComb. Here the Moderator asked Bro. Henderson and Sister Smith to stand and shake hands with the Association, they being the only members present who were at the organization of this Association at Burnsville, Miss., in 1860. The chair appointed the pastor and deacons of Iuka Baptist Church as a Committee on Devotiona! Exereises during the session of this hody. Also appointed as reading clerks Bro. T. A. Read and G. Dudley, Elder Franks, chairman Committee on Home Missions. On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. to hear the associational sermon by Elder J. P. Harrington

Evening Session.

Association met promptly at 2 o'clock. After singing "Stand Up for Jesus, devotional exercises were conducted by Elder I. P. Randolph. Prayer led by Elder J. T. Turner. Proceeded to business. Letters called for and read from the following churches: Tishomingo, Cross Roads, Burnsville, Jacinto, Osborne Creek, Pine Grove, Antioch No. 2, Essary Springs, Lovejoy, Wheeler, Corinth 1st, Little Brown Creek, Mt. Olive, Mt. Vernon, Iuka, Eastport, Kossuth, Oak Ridge, Gaston, Hinkle Creek, Tyra's Grove, Cayce Creek, Candler, Hughes Chapel, May's Creek, Union No. 2, Oak Hill, Harmony, Ingram's, Rienzi, New Salem, Tate Street, Cane Creek, Shiloh, Booneville, Antioch No. 1, Brush Creek, Tuscumbia, Bethlehem, New Prospect. Called for petitionary letters, when the following letters were presented for membership in this body: New Liberty, Liberty Hill, Archer's Chapel. Objections being raised, the vote was postponed until after permanent organization. Proceeded to elect officers. On motion the rules were suspended and Bro. W. D. Conn was elected Moderator and W. A. Richardson, Clerk.

Letters from Liberty Hill, New Liberty and Archer's Chapel were read, praying admission into this body, who on motion were received as members of this body. The Moderator extended the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association and messengers seated. Chair then called for nominations for place of next meeting. The following churches put in nomination, viz.: Mt. Olive, Shiloh and May's Creek. After taking three ballots Mt. Olive was chosen as the place, and on further motion Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1913, as the time for our next meeting. Called for correspondents. Elder

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W. D. Page was recognized as from Tombigbee Association. Elder Lipsey from Central Association and representing Mississippi College and Baptist Record. Elder J. G. Chastain from National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz.: Associational Missions-Rev. J. P. Harrington, chairman; Rev. L. D. Roberts, Rev. J. C. Henderson, Bros. J. E. Garrett and J B. McRae.

Foreign Missions-Rev. John Buchanan, chairman; Rev. T. Moreland, Bros. W. T. Steen, D. J. Akers, J. A. Gray.

Home Missions-Rev. J. D. Franks, Rev. J. H. Turner, Bro. A. E. Ray.

State Missions-Rev. G. T. Kilpatrick, chairman; Rev. J. R. Duncan, Bros. J. E. Gurley, E. E. Hooker, M. Franks.

Temperance-Bro. M. D. L. Tyra, chairman; Rev. J. R. Duncan, Rev. L. D. Roberts, Bro. R. B. Moreland and C. R. Lacy.

Sunday Schools-Rev. I. P. Randolph, chairman; Sister Lena Bolt, John Buchanan, Bros. W. T. Bennett and G. W. Garrett.

Woman's Work-Rev. J. W. Hiett, chairman; Sisters J. P. Harrington and J. A. Norris, Rev. I. P. Randolph, Bro. G. W.

Orphanage-Rev. J. C. Henderson, chairman; Rev. J. H. Turner, Bros. C. B. Gurley, J. T. Taylor, J. A. Shinault.

Publications-Rev. J. W. Hiett, chairman; Rev. J. P. Harrington, Rev. J. D. Franks, Sisters Lloyd, Garrett, Bro. M. N.

Obituaries-Rev. I. P. Randolph, chairman; Rev. John Buchanan, Bros. T. H. Phillips, D. S. King, E. S. Candler, Jr.

Laymen's Movement-C. R. Lacy, chairman; Bros. E. Strickland, J. A. Johnson, E. S. Candler, Jr., W. L. Newhouse.

Christian Education-Bro. A. J. McIntyre, chairman; Rev. J. P. Harrington, Rev. John Buchanan, Sisters M. V. Hart, Ernestine Looney.

Nominations-Bro. John McElroy, chairman; Rev. W. M. Henderson, Bros. J. A. Norris, J. A. Gray, G. W. Garrett. Finance—G. Dudley, Bros. E. Strickland, A. E. Ray.

On motion the following Order of Business was adopted.

Call for Correspondence.

Appointment of Committees. 3.

Appointment of Time and Place of Next Meeting. 4.

Call for Reports.

Election of Executive Board, Elder and Alternate to preach Associational Sermon.

Resolutions and other Miscellaneous Business.

On motion the report on Home Missions was made special order for 7:30 p.m. at M. E. Church, and Dr. W. A. McComb was invited to discuss the report.

Resolved, That the Association meet each day at 9 o'clock,

adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 o'clock, adjourn at 4:30, at night at 7:30 and adjourn at will.

Devotional Committee announced that Elder I. P. Randolph would preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow. On motion adjourned to meet at 7:30 at M. E. Church.

Night Session.

Association met at 7:30 p.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. H. Turner. Called for reading of report on Home Missions, which was read by Elder J. D. Franks, chairman, who made a short talk on same. Also Rev. J. P. Harrington made a ten-minute speech on same. Dr. W. A. McComb gave an entertaining lecture on the Home Mission work, after which the report was adopted. On motion adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. G. Chastain.

Second Day Morning Session.

Body met at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. W. Hiett. Prayer offered by Dr. A. V. Rowe. The chair recognized and received Dr. A. V. Rowe as representing State Mission Board. Clerk read roll of messengers and absentees marked.

Churches:

Antioch No. 1-A. J. Thompson, Ed. Morrow, D. J. Stephenson

Antioch No. 2-Louis Killough. Archer's Chapel-J. W. Chambers.

Burnside-D. S. Kings, Sisters M. A. Elledge, M. A. Smith, M. J. Gallyean.

Brush Creek+C. W. Smith.

Baldwyn-E. A. Steel, Sisters Lena Bolt, Mrs. J. B. Youngblood and Sister W. E. Thomas.

Booneville-J. H. Buchanan, A. J. McIntyre, W. L. Newhouse, Sisters A. C. Jones, J. C. Stanley.

Bethlehem- L. C. Wilbanks.

Bethel-No report.

Candler-R. B. Moreland, J. W. Lovell, Geo. Hare, Will Holly, J. E. Hill.

Cane Creck-E. E. Hooker, Sister E. E. Hooker, W. T. Steen, Sisters Holland, Scally.

Concord-No report.

Corinth 1st-E. S. Candler, Jr., J. P. Harrington, Mrs. J. P. Harrington, Mrs. Lloyd Garrett, G. W. Garrett, J. R. Duncan, T. A. Read, Mrs. M. V. Hart,

Cross Roads-T. F. Floyd, W. M. Martin, H. D. Hale.

Cayce Creek—G. W. Glover, O. M. Cornelius. Essary Springs—T. Moreland, N. P. Rich.

Eastport—J. B. Skinner, Charles Bacon, Geo. Bacon.

Gaston-C. E. Adair, C. H. Michael.

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Hughes' Chapel-Sisters Leola Underwood, Susie Farris, Emma Nunnally.

Hinkle Creek-A. E. Ray, J. A. Johnson. Harmony-W. W. Swain, Frank Crum.

Iuka-D. J. Akers, G. W. Reid, Sisters Willard, Carmack.

Ingrams-Letter, but no messengers.

Jacinto-D. L. Oaks, Thos. Boshears, J. W. West.

Kossuth-I. P. Randolph, W. M. Henderson, E. Strickland, J. A. Gray and J. Ira Taylor.

Little Brown Creek-G. P. Mayo, J. W. Green, Sister A. Mayo. Liberty Hill-G. W. Robineson, J. L. Harwell, A. Pace.

Lone Oak-Letter, but not represented.

Lovejoy-James Newcomb, Willie Bain, Paul Brown.

Mt. Olive-John McElroy, R. B. Prather, Will McElroy, Luther McElroy.

Mt. Joy-Not represented.

Meadow Creek—Not represented.

Mt. Vernon-R. W. Glenn, Lora Glenn. May's Creek-J. E. Rogers, J. J. Stewart.

New Salem-Sam Skinner, Misses Florence Boothe, Ella

New Prospect-J. A. Shinault, J. E. Enlow, J. L. Hodge, New Hope—Not represented.

New Liberty-J. T. Hall, George Marler, W. L. Marler.

Oak Hill-Misses Mabel Garner, Gertrude Garner, Gee Morris. Osborne Creek-C. R. Lacy.

Oak Ridge-W. A. Rhodes, Wesley Bonds.

Pine Grove-F. A. Street.

Piney Grove—Not representedd.

Rienzi-J. A. Norris, Sisters J. A. Norris, E. Roebke. Shiloh-J. E. Garrett, C. B. Gurley, T. H. Phillips.

Tyra's Grove-J. T. Taylor, M. D. L. Tyra, L. D. Roberts. Tishomingo-Miss Ernestine Looney, J. B. McRee, J. E. Gurley.

Tuscumbia-Letter, but no messengers.

Tate Street-J. H. Turner, Jessie Parker, J. C. Henderson. Union No. 1-Not represented.

Union No. 2-C. C. Clark.

Wheeler-M. Franks.

Called for reports. Elder J. P. Harrington read report on State Missions. Spoken to by Dr. A. V. Rowe and Elder J. P. Harrington. On motion report was adopted. Association adjourned for preaching by Elder I. P. Randolph.

Afternoon Session.

Association met at 2 p.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. G. Chastain. The chair recognized Dr. G. M. Savage from Tennessee and Elder McNeil from Colbert Association, Algbama, and invited them to seats. On motion 10 o'clock tomorrow was made special hour for report on Foreign Missions.

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Called for reports. Elder J. P. Harrington read report on Associational Missions. After being discussed by the chairman, Dr. G. M. Savage and Elder J. H. Turner, was on motion adopted. Report on Sunday Schools read by Clerk. After being discussed by Elders J. W. Hiett, Dr. Rowe, Dr. Lipsey, Dr. G. M. Savage and Elders I. P. Randolph, T. Moreland, J. D. Franklin, W. D. Page and Bro. Moderator, was on motion adopted. Report on Obituaries read by Elder I. P. Randolph. Spoken to by Elder W. M. Henderson and others was adopted. Adjourned till 7:30 tonight.

Night Session.

Association met at 7:30. After devotional exercises conducted by Dr. G. M. Savage and prayer offered by Elder W. M. Henderson, proceeded to business. Report on Christian Education read by Bro. A. J. McIntyre. Also report on Publications read by Elder J. W. Hiett. Dr. Lipsey was given the floor, and made a telling speech on the above reports. A subscription of pledges was taken for Ministerial Education. On motion adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow. Benediction by Elder I. P. Randolph.

Third Day-Morning Session.

Association net at 9 a.m. After devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. H. Buchanan and prayer offered by Elder J. H. Turner, proceeded to business. The following resolutions were offered and passed:

Whereas, Bro. C. S. Wales was actively engaged in the work of this Association for quite a while, for a number of years the burden of the general work of this Association having rested largely upon his shoulders.

Whereas, he has been completely disabled to do any work whatsoever for the past eighteen months, on account of ill health, which illness was and is due largely to the overtaxing of his strength in doing the work of this Association; and

Whereas, there seems to have been no permanent improvement in his physical condition nor any likelihood of improvement with his present environment; be it

Resolved by this Association, That by way of manifesting our gratitude for Bro. Wales' past services and of expressing our interest and sympathy in him in his present condition, the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee of three to wait upon Bro. Wales and to express the interest and sympathy of this body to Bro. Wales. And furthermore, this committee to report to the pastors of the different churches, if they can in any way be of service to Bro. Wales. Respectfully submitted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Bro. C. R. Lacy, Elder I. P. Randolph and Elder J. P. Harrington.

Elder J. C. Henderson read report on Orphanage. After being discussed by the chairman, Elder I. P. Randolph, Elder W. M. Henderson, Sister J. A. Harrington, Bro. M. Franks and

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Elder J. H. Turner, was on motion adopted. Report on Woman's Work read by Elder J. W. Hiett. Spoken to by Elders Hiett and Harrington and adopted. Called for report on nominations. Read by Elder I. P. Randolph and adopted. Report on Temperance read by Clerk. Bro. Candler made a thrilling speech on same, when the report was adopted. On motion the Committee on Laymen's Movement was requested to write a report and have printed in the minutes this year. Report on Finance was read by Bro. G. Dudley and adopted. Report on Foreign Missions read by Elder John Buchanan. After short speeches by Elders John Buchanan, J. H. Turner and Bros. E. S. Candler, Jr., and A. J. McIntyre, Dr. J. G. Chastain took the floor and delivered an interesting and feeling speech on the work of Foreign Missions, especially in Mexico. The report was

The Moderator announced the following chairmen of committees, to report at next meeting of this body: Foreign Missions, J. H. Turner: Home Missions, J. P. Harrington: Associational Missions, C. M. Wilbanks; State Missions, J. W. Hiett; Laymen's Movement, J. E. Berry; Christian Education, E. Strickland; Orphanage, A. L. Spencer; Nominations, J. A. Gray; Obituaries. J. R. Duncan; Temperance, J. H. McGee; Publications, John F. Osborne; Woman's Work, Sunday Schools, H. E. Ray;

Elder I. P. Randolph offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, First, That we, The Tishomingo Baptist Association, tender our heartfelt thanks to the people of Iuka Church, town and community for their generous hospitality.

Second, we thank the Moderator for his fair and faithful service. Also to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the use of their houses of worship.

Third, That the Clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed and distributed to the churches, and he be allowed

Here the Moderator announced the business of the Association finished. The parting hand was given each other. journed to meet with Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Prentiss County, five miles west of Wheeler, Miss., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. D. CONN. Moderator.

W. A. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

REPORTS ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, submit the following report: For members of the Executive Board, J. P. Harrington, Corinth, Miss.; W. H. Phelps, Burnsville, Miss.; W. G. Anderson, Booneville, Miss.; I. P. Randolph, Kossuth, Miss.; J. W. Hiett, Iuka, Miss.; L. D. Roberts, Baldwin, Miss., and H. E. Ray, Corinth, Miss. Elder to preach Associational Sermon, J. D. Franks; Alternate, Elder J. H. Turner; Delegate to Southern Baptist Association, Elder J. H. Turner; Alternate, Elder J. W. Hiett. Correspondent Home Mission Board, Elder J. P. Harrington; Correspondent Foreign Mission Board, Bro. H. E. Ray. Sister Lloyd Garrett, Vice-President Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. McELROY, J. A. NORRIS,

J. A. GRAY.

Report on Associational Missions.

Within the bounds of our Association we have 49 churches. The church letters show that during the past year we had only 26 professions of faith. Fourteen of the churches, instead of making an advance, failed to receive as many members as they lost, by death and dismissal by letter. There has been placed in the hands of the chairman of the Executive Board \$300.80, which has been disbursed as follows:

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J. R. Gullett	10.00
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G. T. Kilpatrick	9.00
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J. R. Gullett	10.00
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Mrs. L. F. Garrett	10.00
L. F. Carmichael	10.00
J. W. Doggett	25.00
Total	65 30
Balance on hand	35.50

The committee recommends: First, that the churches be urged to make an increase in pastor's salary, so that the pastors may be able to give more time to their church work. Second, that we urge all of our churches to give regularly and systematically to the support of each object fostered by the State Convention. Third, that some time during the year we have an educational campaign in which each church shall be reached in the interest of our Mission work. Fourth, that a tithing band be organized in each church. Fifth, that in the future all of

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our Associational work be done in co-operation with our State Mission Board.

J. PRESTON HARRINGTON.

State Missions.

To evangelize the world we must have a home base. this reason, the cause of State Missions is fundamental. As we give to State Missions we are helping the cause of Home Missions and Foreign Missions, both. We began our regular organized State Mission work in 1885. Like all great movements the beginning was small. In 1880 the Baptists working through the convention numbered only 56,630. In 1890 we had grown to 66,860, an increase of 18 per cent. During this time the population of the state increased only 14 per cent, while the increase in the assessed value in the state 44 per cent. We gave in 1890 only \$5,881.35; in ten years we had made an increase of 49 per cent, our offering amounting to \$8,763.35. We now have 150,000 Baptists in the state. State Mission is foundation work, and he who helps State Missions helps every good cause dear to the heart of our Lord. Mississippi Baptist State Missionaries have baptized 18,722 persons. Mississippi Baptist State Missionaries have labored in meetings where have been baptized by others 26,982 persons. Mississippi Baptist State Missionaries have thus been identified with the baptizing of 45,604 persons. Mississippi Baptist State Missionaries have organized hundreds of Sunday Schools. sippi State Missions maintain two Sunday School Missionaries. Mississippi State Missions are pledged to help in the building of houses of worship in the state to the amount of \$6,000.00. During the last conventional year the Baptists gave \$27,400. This year we are trying to raise \$40,000. Your committee recommends that a large increase be made in our State Mission offering, for the following reasons: First, because our population is rapidly increasing; second, of the 23,300 churches in Southern Baptist Convention, 17,500 are in the country. A conservative estimate places 95 per cent of our membership in the The changed conditions in our country life makes this department of our work very important; third, we call attention to the rapid strides our state is making in material wealth. In this era of increasing material prosperity, with such an overwhelming part of our membership in the country, which is to be the seene of our most marked progress in the future, it requires no prophet to see that money for the work of Missions for the whole world will depend upon what we do with these immense resources which we have scarcely touched. It is of interest to note that the value of all crops in Mississippi in 1890 was \$125,000,000, while in 1900 the value had reached \$160,000,000, and in 1910 the enormous yield amounted to \$200,000,000. Those who are stewards of this increasing wealth have it in their power to double and quadruple

in the next decade all the work of our denomination which we are now doing; fourth, in this progress, which our state is making, there are new lines of railroad already under construction, while a number of others have been planned. This means not only that we shall have to continue the help now rendered in many of our towns and cities, and even increase it in many instances, but it also means that there will be yet many new towns and cities where we should go with the Gospel as the towns are laid off and the business houses begin their operations. This alone, in the next few years, will call for largely increased contributions to this department of our work; fifth, we urge a more liberal policy and more aggressive campaign for the further reason that, as we meet our responsibilities to the people of Mississippi, we increase every other phase of our general work. College endowment, ministerial education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, in fact, everything will be increased as we cultivate the fields at our doors and develop the marvelous resources, both in men and money, with which God has so richly blessed our beloved commonwealth.

to

Respectfully submitted.
G. T. KILPATRICK,
Chairman.

Home Mission Report.

In recent years there has been a great and gratifying advance among Southern Baptists in Home Mission conviction, giving and results. In 1902 the receipts of our Home Board were \$88,874; in 1912 they were \$366,050, and the apportionment ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention for the present fiscal year ending May 1, 1913, is \$412,000. So great and pressing are the needs that the Board appropriated the whole \$412,000, except \$97, at its meeting in July. The results show a corresponding increase during the same period. In 1902 the Board employed 674 missionary workers, who reported 8.150 baptisms and total additions to the churches of 17,201. They reported 231 churches constituted and 674 Sunday Schools organized. In 1912 the Board employed 1,309 missionary workers, who report 26,899 baptisms and total additions to the churches of 47,728. Six hundred and eighty-three churches were constituted and 754 Sunday Schools organized. Many of these workers were maintained wholly by the Home Board. though a still larger number worked in co-operation with other missionary organizations. It is declared that the meeting of the Home Board last July was the most representative it has ever had. We learn that thirteen of the State Vice-Presidents were present and participated in making up the budget for the year and planning the work. Evidently the Vice-Presidents contributed much to the occasion and it was the enthusiastic conviction of those present that to supply the urgent demands

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for help that came up from all over the South the Board could not do less than it was empowered to do, and then put its faith in the brethren everywhere that they will come up to the help of this great cause and raise every dollar of the apportionment, remembering that the work is not the work of the Home Board, but of Baptist brethren throughout the South. The watchword of the Home Board is Forward, and it has planned a distinctly aggressive campaign for the present year. Besides the regular work, steps forward were taken in two ways: The first was in conformity to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention that the Board at once should take steps to raise a \$1,000,000 Church Building Loan Fund. It was decided to complete the raising of this fund within three years and to employ special workers for this purpose at the earliest possible moment. There are 3,000 or more houseless Baptist churches in our territory, and in hundreds of these the establishment of strong centers for Christ and His truth only awaits some aid in erecting church houses. The second large step taken was in response to repeated reports of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention and repeated committee reports before that body calling for the Home Board to put forth larger efforts to help in training and enlisting backward churches. This note, first sounded in recent years by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, has become stronger and stronger until now several of the State Boards have made requests of the Home Board for aid in this work. At its July meeting the Board ordered the establishment of a Department of Enlistment and Co-Operation and provided for the election of a special representative to labor in this department. We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefulness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to "teaching them to observe all things" as well as to saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving. Our Board is leading Southern Baptists in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it. and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association. We recommend: 1. That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for the Home Feld, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 35c, single copies, or 25e in clubs of five or more. 2. That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task." Price 50c in cloth, 10c extra for postage; 35e in paper, 7e extra for postage. 3. That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application. 4. That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions this year. 5. That all

of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request. The address of the Home Mission Board is 1002 Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Requests for the magazine, tracts, the book, other printed matter, should be addressed to the Publicity Department.

J. D. FRANKS, J. H. TURNER, P. SCHWANDT.

Foreign Mission Report.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report as follows: Missions in its broadest sense embodies the Divine thought and plan and purpose in the life and death of Him who gave Himself as a ransom for many. It is the chief end of all the activities of His church. Never in the history of the denomination have our missionary efforts of foreign fields been so graciously blessed as during the past year. But along with this glorious fact, lies this impressive truth, never since our Lord ascended from Olivet's summit, has there been such an opportunity to do foreign mission work as there is today. The doors of China, where one-fourth of the world's population lives, have for the first time in history been thrown wide open to Christianity. In the other foreign fields the opportunity is equally as great. The question that should burn its way into our every heart is: "What shall we do in this hour of wondrous opportunity?" The need is greater than ever before—the opportunity is greater—what will be our response? Are we as Baptists able to meet the needs of this marvelous age? Most assuredly so. Our God does not give us an opportunity, nor lay upon us a responsibility greater than we can There are two things we must do, however, to meet the needs of the hour. First, we must enlist the unendsted. Out of the 35,000 churches in our Southern Baptists ranks, last year 11,000 gave nothing to Foreign Missions. An appalling fact, you say, that nearly thirty-three and one-third per cent of our churches gave nothing to the cause of missions. Let's see how well we of the Tishomingo Association have done our part. Out of the thirty-nine churches that reported to this Association last year, there were thirty that reported no offering whatever to Foreign Missions. Seventy-six per cent of the churches of this grand old Association, that has given as many, if not more missionaries to the foreign field, than any other association in the state, that report not a cent to Foreign Missions! Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Second, we must develop the enlisted. A larger vision must be given to the churches that are partially awakened to the need and opportunity. When we have done these two things, then and then only will we have done what God expects of us in this marvelSUI

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ous era of opportunity. Your committee recommends that during the ensuing year there be held one or more educational campaigns within the bounds of this Association. That the pastors be asked to co-operate in this campaign. That the executive board make plans and arrangements for same, so that these thirty churches be enlisted if possible and the other churches of the Association be aroused to the greater need. It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we herald the fact that already we have caught the fore-gleam of the dawning of the day when, the brightness and splendor of the glorious light of His Gospel shall be radiant unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. BUCHANAN,

THOS. MORELAND,

D. J. AKERS,

J. A. GRAY.

Christian Education.

We have reached the point in our civilization where we, as a church, and as a Christian nation, must either go forward and achieve greater things or will retrograde. As there is no middle ground upon which to stand, and inasmuch as education not only increases our powers for good, but can equally increase our faculties for evil. It behooves us, as Christians, to look well to the education of our people. We need first to know well the part to be played by the parents in the education of our children, and no man nor woman should be permitted to teach in our public schools who is not a Christian. For we all know that at the time our children are attending the public school is the formative period and it is possible the most important time in their lives, and we should see to it that they shall have not only Christian teaching, but Christian example, that they may develop not only mentally but spiritually as well. It is necessary that we give more attention as a church to the education of our ministers, that they may properly lead us and direct our spiritual lives and lead the lost to know our Lord and Master. To properly do this they must be prepared not only spiritually but mentally. What might have been considered an educated ministry a few years ago is not and could not be so considered now, and to this end we pledge ourselves in this Association to give more to ministerial education than we have given heretofore. As Christ chose his disciples from the poor and taught them what to preach and how to preach, most of our preachers are called from poor families who are unable to educate them as they should be, and if we, as a church, hope to maintain our place as a Christian denomination we must have an educated ministry. We have within our state Mississippi College, a school which has possibly done more for Mississippi than any other school, and

we commend it to our people. At this school we have about fifty or sixty young men who are striving to prepare themselves for the ministry and as we love our Lord, our church and our state, we should assist them, that they may go forth properly prepared to preach the Gospel of our Lord and lead sinners to know and serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MeINTYRE.

Woman's Work.

"Every wise woman buildeth her house, she looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not bread in idleness." She is blessed by her children and praised by her husband. The Bible admonition is to help those women who have labored in the Gospel. This body can not place too great an estimate upon the work and labor of the women in our churches. women raised last year over \$12,000 which will go into the various departments of our church work, especially the Home and Foreign Mission and Sunday School boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as the Margaret Home Training School and Personal Service Department. The fund raised for the Sunday School Board is for the purpose of buying Bibles. It is the desire of the W. M. U. to have this done through the Sunday Schools, thus inculcating in the children the need and knowledge of regarding such work. The Personal Service Department is for the spiritual uplift of our own community, conducted by the Society and reported through it. State Home and Foreign Boards plan out their work in such a way that they expect every man, woman and child in our churches to do their part. The Foreign Board asks women to support women missionaries and teachers in foreign lands. The Home Board asks the women to support the frontiers and foreigners of our land. One of the principal aims of our women is the dissemination of missionary knowledge that all may know of the work and bestir themselves therein. It is the earnest desire of the women to have organized in each church in the Association and under the direction of their organization the Young Woman's Auxiliary, the Royal Ambassadors and the Sun Beams. We insist as an Association that the pastors see to it that there is organized in each church of the Association this year a W. M. U. We recommend that Sister Lloyd Garrett be re-elected Vice-President of this work for our Association, and that our women's societies shall cooperate with our men's societies.

> J. W. HIETT, Chairman. I. P. RANDOLPH, Committee.

Report on Temperance.

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ties; po catalog sent on Send i Books, and ot CONVEN Settin of the Single SELECT Comp 121 cl Subs Temperance makes the following report: We are pleased to say that the sentiment against the drinking of intoxicants has steadily grown in the bounds of our Association. We find in every section of this Association a strong sentiment in favor of the enforcement of our laws against the sale of liquors. Such sales are confined to a few of the larger towns and a few country districts. We believe that drinking to excess is on the decrease, and that there are in our bounds more and more people each year who practice total abstinence. The church membership is almost entirely right on this subject, for which we are profoundly grateful.

Fraternally, M. D. L. Tyra, L. D. Roberts, C. L. Lacy.

Sunday School Report.

In our opinion there is no greater opportunity acorded in any line of Christian work to do service for the Master than in the Sunday School. When we face the facts of statistics that over 80 per cent of the converts and additions to the churches come through the Sunday Schools, we must acknowledge its importance. But the Sunday School has not yet completed its mission in the world when it has led these souls to Christ. Their Christian character must be developed. It is impossible for them to develop Christ-like characters without knowing God's word. The contrast between the convert who is turned loose after conversion and the Sunday School developed Christian is familiar to all of us. If God's word is the sword of the spirit, how can we afford to enlist in His army without carrying His weapon? Christ Himself needed it to combat the Devil when he was carried into the wilderness to be tempted. Can we afford to go without it? We find a very striking illustration of the transforming power of God's word as taught in the Sunday School when we visit our State Prisons and find only five per cent of the inmates young men who ever attended any Sunday School at all. The transforming power of God's word has the same effects in all lands. Makes good men out of bad ones, and its influence is felt for good wherever it goes. The Sunday School furnishes the leaders in church and state, it furnishes the pastor with good hearers, and his best friends. The Savior said to Peter after probing his heart three times, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Was told to feed his lambs. Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers, give ye them to eat, feed them on the sincere milk of the word, for the world is starving for the precious truth. Out of 48 churches in this Association last year, only 20 reported Sunday Schools. The Sunday School is no longer for children and old ladies, but is worthy of the best of our men and all their powers; it is worth their while. Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, ask to report that the Mississippi Baptist Orphan Home, located at Jackson, Miss., presents to Mississippi Baptists one of the most favorable opportunities for doing good of any of the interests fostered by our denomination in the state. Here as in all the rest of our demonimational enterprises, our gifts will be as "bread cast upon the waters." that shall be gathered up many days hence. Here we are not only feeding the hungry and watering the thirsty, clothing the naked and visiting the sick and imprisoned, but with the splendid management of our home, we are educating and training boys and girls and then molding men and women, who, no doubt, will be men and women of affairs in the near future. Somehow God has almost always gone among the poor for his preachers, his statesmen and leaders in all worthy walks of life, and from our own Orphans' Home may go forth men and women who shall be preachers, teachers and missionaries whose lives shall bless the world and glorify God& "As, therefore, we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, and especially unto the household of faith." The home has 226 children who need school books, food and clothing. They are looking to us for their supplies. Shall we answer their call? Your committee recommends first, that we pray often for the children and for those who have charge of the work; second, that our churches take regular collections for this department of our work; third, that all co-operate in making the orphanage car a great success; fourth, that we urge all to subscribe for the Orphanage Gem.

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Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HENDERSON, J. H. TURNER,

C. B. GURLEY.

Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the To the work of the printing press of today there following: is no limit. Printed matter in abundance is coming into our homes daily or weekly. And in the abundant publications of today, a large per cent are utterly worthless, evil and degrad-And our people, especially the young, are continually looking for something new to read. And as reading has much to do in shaping our lives, and the books, papers, etc., that we read furnish food for our thoughts and sow a thought in the mind, we reap a word or an act, and from an act often comes a habit. So it is very important that the mind have only the very best of food upon which to feed. We should close our doors against all cheap, trashy literature that is not elevating and refining. We recommend the reading and studying of God's word, also the publications of our boards, "The Foreign

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Mission Journal," "The Home Field" and our Sunday School literature and let our state paper "The Baptist Record" have a place in every home. We would also advise that all our homes be supplied with some standard books on Baptist doctrine and principles.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. SPENCER, Chairman. J. W. HIETT.

Report on Obituaries.

Dear Brethren, if we were to allow this occasion to pass without saying a word by way of tribute to the memory of our sainted dead, we would feel that we would be unfaithful to the churches of this Association, who loved them for their many noble qualities, and for their devotion to their interests. Some of our very best have fallen since we last met, preachers, deacons and faithful laymen. Among those who have fallen were our own dear Bro. E. Z. Simmons, who for more than 41 years worked and prayed for the conversion of China, and before his death willed all his property to the Foreign Mission Board that it might preach on to China, saving only a support for his widow. The last year of his life was a pathetic one. Stricken by a mortal sickness, he lay dying in the city of Oakland, Cal., while there stood at his bedside not only friends who loved him, but also his devoted wife, one of the noblest of a noble womanhood, who had for about 41 years walked by his side, his friend, his counsellor, his wife, his helpmate. They never had any living children, and when the grave closed over the mortal body of the husband, the heart of the living wife was buried there, too. Among the deacons who have fallen are Bro. Alpheus Jones, of Mt. Olive, and Bro. H. H. Ray, of Corinth. Bro. J. E. Miller, clerk of Hinkle Creek church. old patriarch Job, when his afflictions bore heavily upon him, asked: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Jesus Christ answers: "I am the resurrection and the life." The soul of the Christian answers: "The grave is but the door that opens to a blessed immortality." The great apostle to the Gentiles, in a glorious outburst of faith, exclaimed: "O, death where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?" Looking at the noble lives of these children of God, and remembering their reverence for and faith in the "Man of Galilee" we have confidence that beyond the "dark river" in the home of the blest these faithful friends have met and clasped hands forever.

I. P. RANDOLPH, JNO. H. BUCHANAN,

Committee.

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Recapitulation of moneys sent up by the Messengers in cash as reported by the Finance Committee:

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	For	State Missions	12.50	
	For	Foreign Missions	14.15	1991
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	For	Minutes	51.35	
	For	Ministerial Education	18.50	
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List of Ordained Ministers who hold membership with us and their postoffices:

J. G. Archer, Booneville, Miss.; J. H. Buchanan, Booneville, Miss.; J. S. Berry, Clinton, Miss.; W. M. Bynum, R. 1, Rienzi, Miss.; B. L. Crawford, Baldwin, Miss.; J. R. Duncan, Corinth, Miss.; S. W. Donahon, R. 6, Booneville, Miss.; J. R. Gullett, R. 2, Baldwin, Miss.; G. W. Glover, R. 5, Baldwin, Miss.; J. W. Hiett, Iuka, Miss.; W. M. Anderson, Kossuth, Miss.; J. C. Henderson, Corinth, Miss.; J. P. Harrington, Corinth, Miss.; G. R. Kilpatrick, Rienzi, Miss.; T. H. Lee, Corinth, Miss.; J. W. Lovelace, Holcut, Miss.; T. Moreland, Chewalla, Tenn.; W. L. Norman, Burnsville, Miss.; C. C. Perry, Rienzi, Miss.; I. P. Randolph, Kossuth, Miss.; L. D. Roberts, R. 5, Baldwin, Miss.; W. J. Reardon, R. 1, Corinth, Miss.; A. L. Spencer, R. 1, Corinth, Miss.; J. C. Turner, Corinth, Miss.; C. M. Wilbanks, Martin, Tenn.

List of Licentiates.

Frank Spurgeon, Wheeler, Miss.; S. M. Clayton, Booneville, Miss.; R. T. Short, Dumas, Miss.; John Parsons, Kossuth, Miss.; F. A. Street, R. 2, Dumas, Miss.

Value of Church Property.

Antioch No. :	2										\$ 200.00
Booneville											
Burnsville											500.00
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Baldwin											
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Wheeler	1,200.00
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LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND OFFICERS

CHURCHES	SUPTL	SEC.	Teachers	Pun	Вар.
Kossuth	J. W. Doggett	Lillian Richardson	8		-up.
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Hinkle Creek	J. W. Hiett	J. H. Reid	5	31	
	H. A. Conn	Miss Allie Moore	3	30	
Essary Springs	H. I. Ragan	Miss Etta Jones	4	38	
Corinth 1st	H. E. Ray	R. L. Riding	14	275	5
Cane Creek	E. E. Hooker	Miss Holland Scally	v 5	108	12
Booneville	J. C. Stanley	Fannie Turkett	8	100	6
Baldwyn	W. L. McElroy	Annie Bell Stubbs		75	3
Burnsville	W. H. Phelps	Miss Viola Nixon	•	25	
Mt. Vernon	R. A. Cox	Miss Blanch Wynn	3		
Mays Creek	J. E. Rogers		2	28	
New Liberty	W. L. Marler	Thos: Shields	4	45	
Osborne Creek		L. E. Frost	3	31	1
Pine Grove	R. L. Oakley	Miss Lucile Gardner	4	53	
Rienzi	Geo. Bullock	Mabel Bartlett	3	60	
	C. B. Curlee	Fannie May Allen	4	35	
Shiloh	C B. Gurley	Alice Dillengham	4"	45	5
Tuscumbia	M. N. Lassiter	Miss Ramer Dixon	À	50	
Tate Street	Jno. Pankey	Arthur Messner	8	65	
		Totals	109 1	502	35

List of Our Dead

Dr. E. L. Simmons, Missionary to China James Miller, W. P. Lock, Wm. McDougal S. M. Barnett, J. T. Davis, Pink Oakley, H. J. Harpen, H. H. Ray, Jno E. Miller, Rev. McLoud, Jack Crow, W. H. Neuman Green Robinson, Wm. Goddard, J. A. Jones. Sisters Byron. W. R. Morgan Sarah Yarber, M. E. Coe, Maud Garrett, R. E. Floyd, Martha Jones, E. Bacon, Victoria Bazzell, Lucinda Green, Nola Watts, A. B. Nichols, M. L. Armistead, G. N. Lester, Richard Crab, Dona Lester. Total 32

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Order of Business.

Call for Correspondence.

Appointment of Committees.

Appointment of time and place of next meeting.

Call for Reports.

Election of Executive Board, Elder and Alternate to 5. Preach Associational Sermon.

6. Resolutions and other miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Rules of Order.

The Association shall be opened with prayer.

The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order. but any member not satisfied with his decision, can appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he must call

some other brother to the chair.

All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for diseussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the Moderator shall take the ayes and noes, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or make personal reflections.

No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with

the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be deter mined by a majority.

The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the names of absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of Mod-

10: The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be

reported by the Moderator, but only on the day that the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made on these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Covenant.

1. We as independent churches of Jesus Christ do mutually covenant or unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ, under the title of The Tisho-

mingo Baptist Association."

2. We agree to hold annual meetings to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing setters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday School pupils, and number of conversions, amount contributed to the Associational State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements and total expended and valuation church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then to one additional for every fifty above one hun-

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4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and to make report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be

deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitionery churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and

disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister Associations. Any mem-

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10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body and elect a Brother to preach the Associational Sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution as two-thirds may deem necessary.

12. Members of Executive Board shall be entitled to full membership in this body for the meeting next succeeding the one at which they are elected by this Association.

Abstract of Faith.

1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of Good by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God has, from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through santification of the Spirit and belief in the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe will be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized, upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a church, viz., the Elder or Pastor and Deacon.

10. We believe it the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men, and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

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Held in Presbyterian Church, Iuka, Miss. Thursday, September 12th, 1912.

Mrs. Lloyd Garrett, Vice-President, Presiding.

Program.

Thursday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

Praise and Prayer Service—Miss Lizzie Hiett.
Appointment of Enrollment Committee.
Words of Welcome—Mrs. Willa Carmack.
Song—"Help Somebody Today."
Response—Mrs. Youngblood.
Greetings from Vice-President.
Secretary's Report.

Duet, "Come, Holy Spirit"—Mrs. Granville Dudley, Miss May Robinson.

Appointment of Committees.
Reports and Greetings from Various Societies.
Discussion of Standard of Excellence—Mrs. J. P. Harrington.
System of Titling—Mrs. Fannie Conn.
Prayer—Led by Miss Margaret Lackey.
Announcements.
Adjournment.

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Thursday Afternoon.

Hymm and Prayer.
Records of Morning Session.
Report of Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. Cleo Reynolds, Mrs.
E. J. Green, Mrs. Youngblood, Mrs. Schwant.
Deaths reported as follows: Mrs. M. E. Coe, Corinth; Mrs.
Morgan, Baldwyn.

Report on State Missions—Mrs. W. E. Thomas Devotional Exercises—"Subject Consecration." Led by Miss Margaret Lackey.

Solo-Mrs. J. P. Harrington.

Report on Home Missions—Mrs. Whitesides.

Training School and Y. W. A. Work-Miss Leng Bolt.

Report of Committee on Enrollment-Mrs. S. J. Richey, Miss

May Robinson, Mrs. M. V. Hart, Mrs. Willa Carmack.

Corinth-Mrs. M. V. Hart, Mrs. S. J. Richey, Mrs. Schwant, Mrs. Phoebe Smith, Miss Cornelia Newcomb, Mrs. H. M. Conn, Mrs. Lloyd Garrett, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. H. E. Ray.

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Song-"How Firm a Foundation."

Report on Foreign Missions-Miss Lackey.

Report of Committee on Resolutions-Mrs. J. P. Harrington, Miss Holland Sealley, Mrs. Fannie Norris, Mrs. Ida Turner.

Election of Vice-President's Council: Recording Secretary. Miss Cornelia Newcomb; Y. W. A. Leader, Miss Lena Bolt; Leader of Sunbeam Band, Mrs. Youngblood; Personal Service Work, Mrs. J. P. Harrington.

Announcements.

Closing Prayer-Miss Lackey.

Report on Resolutions.

Recognizing through riches and grace the unfailing leadership of God, with our hearts filled with gratitude and thanks for His goodness to us, looking to His guidance in the future, we turn to the work of another year. As an expression of our appreciation to the good people of Iuka for their splendid hospitality, be it

Resolved, That we, the W. M. U. of Tishomingo Association, make grateful mention.

First, of our sincere appreciation to the pastor and people of the Presbyterian Church, in whose house of worship we have had this glad day together.

Second, we are deeply grateful to the organist and to the sweet singers, whose praise service has added so much of pleasure to the Association.

Third, to our hostesses, who have made their homes our homes, and have in addition lent their presence to our meetings.

Fourth, of the faithfulness of our Vice-President and Secretary, who have rendered such faithful service.

Fifth, that we request the brethren to publish in the minutes our Vice-President's report, a table of statistics of the W. M. U. of the Tishomingo Association and a copy of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. P. HARRINGTON. MISS HOLLAND SCALLY, MRS. IDA TURNER, MRS. J. A. NORRIS.

First Vice-President's Address.

My Dear Sisters and Friends-It is with an humble pride, hallowed with praise and thanksgiving, that I present to you the third annual report. Doubtless many of you do not know that the W. M. U. work is comparatively new in Tishomingo Association, having been incorporated only three years ago at Wheeler, Miss. Prior to this time there was only one W. M. U., though

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a few churches fostered a Ladies' Aid Society. At present we have twelve organized societies, and it is with a heart full of gratitude that I mention the progress made during these three years, realizing more and more that "God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."

Many things have crowded into my heart for expression, and there is much that I would like to say. I would love to bring you a message that would inspire your hearts and make you determine to be more active and consecrated in the service of our Lord, for there is so much that needs doing and that ealls for continual and loving service. It is about the necessity of our becoming familiar with the work that I wish to impress upon you, and I would in all kindness urge upon you to become familiar with the work as mapped out and planned from year to year. For to accomplish the greatest possible good we must each and every one feel it our duty to know our work in its every phase and detail. We should not only know the fields of operation, but the workers, and we most certainly should know what specific work has been assigned to our various organizations, namely, the Sunbeams, R. A., Y. W. A. and to our own W. M. U.

Our denominational work is organized in a splendid manner, and yet because of our democratic church government we have gone to an extreme in our free and independent thinking until a large number of churches and societies have done an almost independent work, when in reality this should not be the case. Of course, it is our theory to do co-operative work, but because

we are not familiar with the work it is otherwise.

When we Baptists have gone so far as to have elected us boards or committees for Home, Foreign and State Missions, to arrange for the setding of missionaries and in selecting the places to build chapels churches, schools, etc., then we should bend every effort to follow their directions and to give our boards our most earnest support, and when we do comply with these requests, allow me to urge once more that the Presidents of the W. M. U. see to it that your secretaries report same to the Associational Vice-President. I believe that we all want to do this, and yet it is not possible to co-operate without first familiarizing ourselves with their plans.

It is my earnest prayer for each one of you that you may keep in close touch with our organized work, and that you may keep gloriously in the accomplishment of its plans. We all know there can be little or no interest where there is no knowledge, and "in knowledge there is power." We read that when Paul and Barnabus returned from their missionary journer the churches assembled to hear them "rehearse all that God had done with them." It seems that the church of today ought to be just as much interested in the work of her missionaries as was the early

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We very much appreciate the great value of 'Our Mission Fields," because it supplies in concise and attractive form the

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material needed that our women may become informed upon the important things fresh from the fields. This great official organ of the W. M. U. has been sent free, but since the cost of thus sending them out is sufficient to pay the salary of several missionaries, it was decided at the Oklahoma Convention to not send out any more free copies, but that all societies should be urged to subscribe for them before September 1st, and I trust these who have not done so will subscribe right away, as it is a quarterly issue and has sufficient material for the Monthly Mission Programs, and may be had for twenty cents per year by sending to W. M. U. Headquarters, 15 West Franklin street, Baltimore, Md.

We should not forget to sound the keynote of the W. M. U. work: "Its object shall be by prayer, contribution and the spread of information to aid the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, in giving the gospel to the destitute in our own and heathen lands."

Our other objects and minor interests fostered by us (though subordinate to the great work of giving the gospel to all the world) are by no means insignificant. The formation of societies and the liberalizing of the womanly heart of our churches have been the special features of value in the solution of the problem of our work.

In Tishomigno Association we have forty-eight churches, with twelve organized societies. Most of the churches are off the railroad, and with the bad roads to contend with the work has not been the success that your Vice-President longs to see. Not all the societies, but most of them, send in quarterly reports; the special weeks of prayer are observed by a few societies and the apportionments are generally met. A few of the societies have adopted the standard of excellence, and I sincerely trust that many more will adopt it. We would strive to double the number of societies and rejoice to know that every woman is a member of the W. M. U. and a liberal giver to the Lord's work.

Our ideal is "Every woman in the church a member of the W. M. S.," and let us not rest until this is accomplished. It will mean sacrifice on the part of many; it must mean a wider vision in the heart of all. But "to seek first to bring Christ's kingdom on the earth to respond to the need that is sorest, to go out into the highways for that loved and bewildered sheep, that the Shepherd has missed from the fold, to share all of privilege with the unprivileged and happiness with the unhappy, to lay down life, if need be, in the way of Christ, to see the possibility of one redeemed earth, undivided, unvexed, unperplexed, resting in the sion of the Borious gospel of the blessed God; this is the mission of the Woman's Missionary Movement."

The Vice-President has visited some of the societies with helpful results. A number of the once inactive organizations have been inspired to greater works, the evidence of which is very gratifying indeed. It is confidently believed that in no distant day the Woman's Work in our Association will be held to be of paramount importance, and it is my earnest desire and prayer that the heart of each one present may be deeply stirred and resolutions made to put God's work on a much higher, nobler plane, and that many others may enlist who have never made a sacrifice, never have done one single thing for the Christ who revolutionized the whole standard of womanhood and lifted her from a life of degradation and sin. Women have been loyal to Him through all ages, suffering persecution and even death. Would we be any less loyal? What is to hinder progress in our Lord's work when our hearts are in it?

The following is a statistical report of the year's work:

Literature sent as follows: Mission Fields, 48: Leaflets and Pamphlets, 745; Letters written, 75; Membership Cards, 75; Offering Envelopes, 711; Report Blanks, 55; Thank Offering Programs, 19; Week of Prayer Programs, 20; Woman's Missionary Union Policies, 6; Apportionment Cards, 12; State Mission Programs, 10; one meeting held with Booneville Society in October with encouraging results; one meeting with Tate Street Church in July for reorganization; large package of literature sent free to the society organized at Harmony; number of Tracts, etc., unknown. Expenses for postage and envelopes, \$5.00; having programs printed, \$1.25; defraying railroad expenses of State Corresponding Secretary, \$14.00. Total expenses, \$20.25. By Apropriation Fund, \$10.00. Balance due Associational Vice-President, \$10.25. A collection was taken amounting to \$10.50, thereby clearing the W. M. U. work of any debt. The report was unanimously adopted as read. Respectfully submitted,

MRS, LLOYD GARRETT, Vice-President of the W. M. U. of Tishomingo Association.

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